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Positive West Nile mosquito tests reported

THE COLONY, Texas — As the City continues its preventative control efforts to combat West Nile virus, ongoing mosquito trapping and testing is taking place on a weekly basis throughout the City. This ongoing testing has resulted in a positive pool for West Nile mosquitoes in the following locations:

- **Strickland drainage channel:** Treatment area will include areas south of Nash / east of Main / north of South Colony / west of the electric power line easement.
- **Baker drainage channel:** Treatment area will include areas south of Carroll Drive and North Colony / north of Memorial Drive / east of Morning Star and Northpointe / west of the city limits.

A truck-mounted adult mosquito treatment will be conducted in these areas for two consecutive nights (weather permitting), beginning Friday, Sept. 4, and concluding on Saturday, Sept. 5. If inclement weather prevents the treatments from taking place those nights, the treatments will take place the following night(s). The treatments will begin at approximately 10 p.m. If you live in close proximity to these areas please plan to keep all people and pets indoors overnight, and cover any ponds or pet watering bowls.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: In addition to the truck-mounted treatments, there will also be a treatment applied within the drainage channels themselves on both nights using a smaller utility vehicle.

The City will continue its proactive approach in prevention of mosquito-borne disease sources on public property. However, **the best prevention for everyone in the community is through education and personal protection**, especially for the elderly and those with health issues, by following the “4 Ds” listed below:

- **Dress to protect:** Wear long sleeves and long pants.
- **Dusk and Dawn:** Avoid being outside at these times if possible.
- **Defend:** Wear insect repellent with DEET or an effective alternative.
- **Drain standing water:** Eliminate any water that stands for longer than 5 days or treat water with larvicide according to the label.

Residents may go to the following websites for more information about West Nile virus:

- **City of The Colony:** <http://www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html>
- **Texas Department of State Health Services:** <http://bit.ly/NDuEtq>
- **Denton County Health Department:** <http://tinyurl.com/ng23knj>

For additional information regarding mosquitoes and the City's mosquito treatment plan, contact Community Services Director Pam Nelson at 972-624-3958, via email at pnelson@thecolonytx.gov, or visit www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html. If you notice standing water on private property, please contact The Colony Community Image Department at 972-624-3160.

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